

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Milton and Lillian Wass exchanged their wedding vows on May 21, 1939, in Slayton, Minnesota, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, Milton and Lillian gave life and love to four daughters, Patricia, Sandra, Marjorie, and Kathleen, and they presented them with 10 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Milton and Lillian were owners of the Wass Furniture Store until 1971, and Wass Funeral Homes until 1985; they have been active in numerous church and community activities throughout the years; and,

Whereas, At the age of 70, Milton climbed Superstition Mountain in Arizona, and for the first time at age 78, he hiked to the bottom of the Grand Canyon; Lillian was Mrs. South Dakota in 1957-58, and participated in the Mrs. America Pageant in Fort Lauderdale, Florida; and,

Whereas, Over the years, Milton and Lillian enjoyed golfing, playing the organ, fishing, traveling and boating; and,

Whereas, Through their lifelong dedication to the values of caring and sharing, Milton and Lillian have helped make South Dakota a great place to live and work; and,

Whereas, Milton and Lillian's friends and family will gather at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Beresford, South Dakota, at an open house on May 23, 2004, to honor and celebrate their 65th anniversary with all the good wishes fanfare and celebration such an event warrants; and,

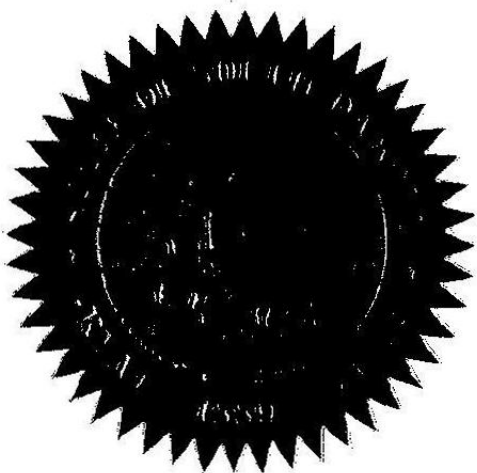
Whereas, It is altogether fitting and proper that the Governor of South Dakota recognizes and commemorates the memorable milestones in the lives of the state's outstanding citizens:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 23, 2004, as

MILTON AND LILLIAN WASS DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment..

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State